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March 25, 1975

U. S. MINT OFFERS AMERICA'S FIRST MEDALS

Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, today announced that during April and May, 1975, orders will be taken for the third two-medal unit of the America's First Medals pewter series.

The ten-medal series, part of the Treasury Department's Bicentennial program, consists of 1-1/2" pewter reissues of the first medals voted by the Continental Congress to honor the bold commanders and successful Revolutionary War battles that won for a new nation its freedom and independence.

The two medals offered in the Third Unit honor:

MAJOR HENRY ("LIGHT HORSE HARRY") LEE, who was granted a gold medal for his daring pre-dawn assault in 1779 "with a handful of men" at Paulus Hook, a British occupied fort in what is now Jersey City, New Jersey. He captured 158 prisoners and safely retreated after the successful completion of his mission. Designed by Joseph Wright, the first engraver of the United States Mint.

GENERAL DANIEL MORGAN, who was presented a gold medal for leading his troops to the brilliant tactical victory at the Cowpens in South Carolina in 1781. The victory ended a bitter two-year period of defeat and persecution in the struggle for independence and brought renewed spirit to the fight. Engraved by Augustin Dupre.

The price of the two-medal unit is \$10.00, with a maximum order of five units per person.

All five units of the series will be offered by July 4, 1976. At the conclusion of the series, the Mint will also make available a handsome display album which will include a 43-page illustrated booklet, "Medals Commemorating Battles of the American Revolution," by Vladimir and Elvira Clain-Stefanelli of the National Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

The Series Membership, which allows the customer to pre-order the entire series, is not available during this offering. During the offering of the last pair of America's First Medals (Unit 5), earlier units will again be offered, along with the case and booklet, for those who wish to fill gaps in their series. We presently expect to make this offering in the Spring of 1976.

Pre-punched order forms were sent to individuals on the Mint's customer mailing list beginning March 19. Those NOT on the customer list may use the order form below.

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ORDER FORM FOR AMERICA'S FIRST MEDALS, UNIT 3

Please accept my order for \_\_\_\_\_ units at \$10.00 per unit, postage paid.

(Each person may order a maximum of 5 units.)

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

DO NOT SEND CASH

Make check or money order payable to: BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau of the Mint  
55 Mint Street  
San Francisco, CA 94175

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When you receive your cancelled check, an order number will appear on it, and acknowledgement cards will be sent as soon as possible. As with Unit 2 of the series, however, it may be several months before your order can be filled.

Acceptance of orders is conditioned upon the Mint's ability to meet demand. In the event of a reduction or cancellation by the Mint, appropriate refunds will be made. ORDERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION BY THE PURCHASER.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 1975

Please direct all correspondence regarding the America's First Medals series to the Bureau of the Mint, Special Coinage and Medals Division, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175.